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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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FIFTH COMMITTEE 67th meeting

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [115]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Egypt, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.63.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

The representative of Botswana, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft decision A/C.5/55/L.61.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

Human resources management [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Delegation of authority for management of human and financial resources in the United Nations Secretariat

The representative of Pakistan, coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft decision A/C.5/55/L.63.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Proposed Regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission and regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of the Secretary-General

The Committee had before it draft decision A/C.5/55/L.88.

A statement in explanation of position before action was taken on the draft decision was made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [117]

Outline for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 for the International Trade Centre, UNCTAD/WTO

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Committee had before it draft decision A/C.5/55/L.78.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of position.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Review of the management and administration in the Registry of the International Court of Justice

The representative of Botswana, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.82.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 116 and concluded its consideration of agenda item 117.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [122]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Committee had before it draft decision A/C.5/55/L.79.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [126]

The representative of Botswana, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.86.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of the United States, the Russian Federation, Sweden (on behalf of the European Union), the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba, Pakistan, Algeria and Iraq.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [153]

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Support Account for peacekeeping operations

The representative of the Netherlands, coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.81.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Sweden (on behalf of the European Union), the Syrian Arab Republic, Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada) and India.

United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

The representative of Norway, coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.90.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

The representative of Botswana, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft decision A/C.5/55/L.85.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The representative of Cuba made a statement in explanation.

Experiences learned from the use of resident auditors at peacekeeping missions

The representative of Canada, coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.92.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement in explanation of position.

Progress made in clearing the backlog of claims for incidents

The representative of Portugal, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft decision A/C.5/55/L.91.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

Prorated share of the support account and the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, amounts to be apportioned to each peacekeeping mission

The Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division made a statement and introduced the note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/55/43), which contained the amounts to be apportioned in respect of each peacekeeping mission, including the prorated share of the support account and the United Nations Logistics Base Brindisi, Italy and stated that a corrigendum would be issued relating to table B of document A/C.5/55/43.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to take note of the amounts set out in the table to the annexed note as orally corrected.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola [129]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.64 which had been coordinated by the representative of Croatia and Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) [130]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(b) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

The representative of Ghana, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.69.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone [132]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.65 which had been coordinated by the representative of Croatia and Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

The Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division drew attention to a technical correction to the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution as orally corrected.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo [133]

The representative of Norway, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.68.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration Mission in East Timor [134]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of India, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.89.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara [135]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.66 which had been coordinated by the representative of Croatia and Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan [136]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Japan, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.70.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force [137]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of India, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft decision A/C.5/55/L.73.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [138]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.77, as orally revised by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), at the Committee's 65th meeting held on 22 May 2001.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and the observer for Palestine (on behalf of the Arab Group).

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran drew the attention of the Committee to a correction to be made in the Spanish version of draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.77.

The representative of the United States requested that a recorded vote in one block be taken on the fourth preambular paragraph and on operative paragraphs 2, 3 and 15.

The representative of Saudi Arabia drew the attention of the Committee to a correction to be made in the Arabic version of draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.77.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on the fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 2, 3 and 15 of draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.77 as orally revised, which were retained by a recorded vote of 69 votes to 2 with 40 abstentions.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The representative of the United States made a statement and then requested that a recorded vote be taken on the draft resolution as a whole.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.77 as a whole, as orally revised, which was adopted by a recorded vote of 113 to 2.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Japan, Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), Sweden (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey), Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic and Israel.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [153]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Reform of the procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment

The representative of Portugal, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, informed the Committee on the results of the informal consultations.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

68th meeting

Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters [140]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.74 which had been coordinated by the representative of Croatia and Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The representative of Sweden (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement in explanation of position.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus [143]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Japan, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.71.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia [144]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Japan, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.72.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina [148]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.75 which had been coordinated by the representative of Croatia and Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti [150]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.76 which had been coordinated by the representative of Croatia and Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic [152]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Ghana, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.67.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [167]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Botswana, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.83.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea [176]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Botswana, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.80.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Human resources management [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Pakistan, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.87 and drew attention to several corrections and requested that the draft resolution be aligned to conform to the text that had been submitted by him and agreed to by the Committee.

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements in explanation of position before action was taken on the draft resolution were made by the representatives of Japan and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution as orally corrected.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Philippines, India and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The representative of Sweden (on behalf of the European Union) stated that he would deliver a statement in the General Assembly.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

Action taken on certain documents

The Committee had before it draft decision A/C.5/55/L.93.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The representative of Sweden (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [153]

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Reform of the procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment.

The representative of Portugal, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.94.

Statements were made by the representatives of India and Egypt who pointed out to corrections to be made to the draft resolution.

The Rapporteur made a statement.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution as orally corrected.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [138]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.84* which had been coordinated by the representative of Croatia and Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement in explanation of position before action was taken on the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Other matters

The representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Egypt and Pakistan made statements.

Closure of the second part of the resumed fifty-fifth session of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly

Statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines (on behalf of the Asian States), Denmark (on behalf of the Western European and other States), Ecuador (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Chile (on behalf of the Rio Group), Namibia (on behalf of the African States), Egypt (on behalf of the Arab States) and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Chairman made a statement and declared closed the work of the second part of the resumed fifty-fifth session of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly.

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